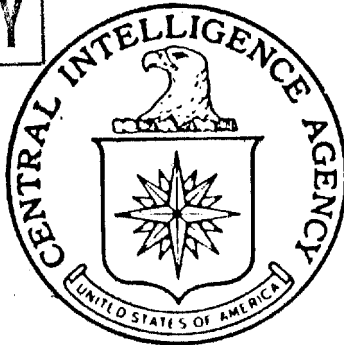


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POLITICAL

CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY STRENGTHENS NEWSPAPER CONTROL IN KIRIN -- Ch'ang-ch'un, Kirin Jih-pao, 26 Feb 60

The Kirin Provincial Party Committee "Decision to Strengthen the Leadership in Newspaper Reporting Work" points out that newspaper and broadcasting work are important propaganda tools of the party and effective weapons for the class struggle.

A Newspaper Work Leadership Group is to strengthen the leadership of newspaper and broadcasting work, mobilize the total capacity of the provincial party organization and membership, and to manage the newspaper and broadcasting work of the province. Fu Chen-sheng, provincial party secretary, is head of the group. In accordance with instructions of the provincial committee, the group is to determine propaganda policies and propaganda plans periodically; adjust the plans to concrete conditions surrounding each newspaper unit; survey and encourage unification of action; develop coordination among newspaper units; implement party policies; mobilize and organize the capabilities of people in the provincial units, and city, area, and hsien party committees so that propaganda and reporting work will improve, both in and out of the province.

The decision also calls for setting up reporting and writing groups in the provincial committee bureaus and departments and in city, area, and hsien committees.

[Comment: This may be a typical example of the close and continuous control exercised by the party over the main information media in Communist China. The need for a party-controlled mechanism which established propaganda policy on the provincial party level and supervises its implementation to the lowest administrative division may hint at a prior condition of a little too much press freedom. In any event, it may be another possible reason for the current tighter newspaper export control.]

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ECONOMIC

CHINESE COMMUNISTS GIVE FIGURES ON NATURAL GAS RESERVES OF TSAIDAM BASIN---
Chi-ning, Tsinghai Jih-pao, 11 Mar 60

Since 1958, three big natural gas fields have been discovered in the Tsaidam Basin, Tsinghai Province. The largest of these is producing 2.9 million cubic meters of natural gas daily. The inhabitants of the newly established city of Ma-hai are all using natural gas for domestic purposes.

In February 1959, petroleum shipments from the Tsaidam Basin were begun. During 1959, the Tsaidam Basin produced as much natural petroleum as the whole country produced in 1953.

SOCIOLOGICAL

NEW APARTMENTS IN MOSCOW REMAIN UNOCCUPIED DESPITE HOUSING SHORTAGE --
Moscow, Byulleten' Ispolnitel'nogo Komiteta Moskovskogo Gorodskogo Soveta Deputatov Trudyashchikhsya, (organ of Executive Committee of Moscow City Soviet), No 9, May 1960, pp 29-30

The Executive Committee of the Moscow City Soviet noted that many enterprises and organizations of the ministries, departments, Moscow City Sovnarkhoz, and executive committees of the rayon soviets are extremely slow in moving tenants into newly built housing. Despite frequent warnings from the Executive Committee, the situation is still unsatisfactory.

The Executive Committee warned the officials of its subordinate organizations that they are personally responsible for observance of occupancy schedules. If tenants are not moved into housing within 30 days after permission is given for occupancy, the housing is subject to confiscation without warning.

[Comment: This situation is probably due to inefficiency in assigning apartments and disputes over the order of preference, but could also be an indication that plant managers are illegally holding back housing to distribute as they wish or to use as an incentive for certain types of labor.]

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MILITARY

CHINESE COMMUNIST TROOPS STATIONED IN PAMIRS

The following is an FDD comment: Captions of a number of photographs in the 1 May 1960 issue of the Peiping Chieh-fang-chun Hua-pao (pp 18, 21) indicate that "there are troops of the [Chinese Communist] People's Liberation Army stationed in the Pamirs," where they are building barracks and other living quarters and are holding target practice in places where the average elevation is 4,700 meters above sea level.

HUNGARIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SPECIAL POLICE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED --
Budapest, Magyar Legoltalom, Jun 60

Conscripts who fulfill their military obligation in the Special Police of the Ministry of the Interior are given military and political training which provides them with the knowledge necessary to combat the activities of spies, saboteurs, subverters, and elements dangerous to society. In the course of regular combat service, the Special Police cooperate with the other armed bodies and state organs at important guard posts.

[Comment: One photograph in source shows Special Police troops in ranks, probably in dress uniform, armed with what seem to be modified 7.62mm AK submachine guns. Another photograph shows two men in service uniform, demonstrating what appear to be a PPSH-41 7.62mm submachine gun and a modified (no carrying handle) SG-43 heavy machine gun mounted on wheels.]

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